

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KHARTO 01279 271222Z

47

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 CU-02 /064 W

----- 073546

R 271109Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9921

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KHARTOUM 1279

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, SU

SUBJECT: REGIME PASSES ITS SIXTH MILESTONE

BEGIN SUMMARY: VIRTUALLY DEVOID OF NEW DEPARTURES OR
POLICY APPRAISALS, CELEBRATION MARKING SIXTH ANNIVERSARY
NIMEIRI REVOLUTION INSTEAD FOCUSSED ON REGIME'S UNEXAMPLED
LONGEVITY AMID PAEANS OF PRAISE TO NIMEIRI HIMSELF. FESTIVITIES
WENT OFF WITHOUT HITCH, EVOKING MODEST POPULAR RESPONSE,
BUT CONCURRENT REPORTS OF PRECAUTIONARY ARRESTS EMPHASIZE
THAT IRON HAND REMAINS IN VELVET GLOVE. END SUMMARY.

1. THREE-DAY CELEBRATIONS MAY 24-26 ON OCCASION SIXTH
ANNIVERSARY NIMEIRI REVOLUTION FEATURED HORATORY "KEY-NOTE"
ADDRESS AND HONORS CEREMONY BY NIMEIRI MAY 24, 2-1/2 HOUR
PARADE MAY 25 AND SPECIAL SESSION PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MAY
26 IN HONOR REGIME'S LEADER. FESTIVITIES LARGELY SIGNIFI-
CANT IN MARKING LONGEST RULE BY A SINGLE REGIME IN INDEPENDENT
SUDANESE HISTORY, FACT WHICH NIMEIRI STRESSED IN HIS REMARKS.
HIS ADDRESS OTHERWISE LARGELY BOILERPLATE, WITH EVEN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KHARTO 01279 271222Z

CUSTOMARY CRITICISM OLD-LINE PARTIES MUTED AND REFERENCES TO

PALESTINE AND SOUTH AFRICA ROUTINE. NIMEIRI DID PLEDGE THAT HE WILL STEP DOWN AS PRESIDENT AT END CURRENT TERM IN 1977 UNLESS RE-ELECTED BY SSU CONGRESS IN JANUARY OF THAT YEAR, BUT THIS IS IN ANY CASE A CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT.

2. DESPITE EARLIER PRESS AND PRIVATE REPORTS (KHARTOUM 1248) RE NEW ITEMS FOR SUDANESE MILITARY, PARADE REVEALED NONE. PARTICIPATION SUDANESE MILITARY WAS IN FACT SLIGHTLY REDUCED FROM LAST YEAR, WITH EMPHASIS INSTEAD BEING PLACED ON "THE ALLIANCE OF THE PEOPLE'S WORKING FORCES." ALSO CONTRARY LAST YEAR, THERE WERE NO FOREIGN CONTINGENTS, THOUGH SOME DOZENS SPECIAL DELEGATIONS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, (SEVEN ARAB, TWO AFRICAN, TWO NONALIGNED PLUS PRC AND ROMANIA) INCLUDING EGYPTIAN MINISTER FOR SUDANESE AFFAIRS BADRAN, SOMALI RCC MEMBER OMAR JASSI AND CHADIAN COS ODINGAR.

3. LACKING ANY SPECIAL POLICY ORIENTATION, FESTIVITIES FOCUSED MORE THAN IN PRIOR YEARS ON NIMEIRI HIMSELF. ADULATORY NOTE IN MOST SPEECHES WAS LEAVENED BY FLASHES OF SUDANESE HUMOR BUT, EVEN SO, EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL PRAISE FOR ONE MAN HAS DRAWN CRITICISM FROM UNFRIENDLY ELEMENTS.

3. SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES WERE NOT MUCH IN EVIDENCE BUT WE HEAR NUMBER PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN, INCLUDING SPECIAL GUARDS AROUND GASOLINE STATIONS AND DETENTION POSSIBLE TROUBLE MAKERS. IN LATTER CATEGORY WERE SMALL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WERE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND AT ONE OF WHOSE HOMES WAS FOUND CACHE OF "GRENADES" AND SOME OTHER MILITARY ITEMS.

4. PERHAPS TO HELP COMPENSATE FOR LACK OF SUBSTANCE TO CELEBRATIONS, NIMEIRI AWARDED MAJOR DECORATIONS MAY 24 TO VIRTUALLY ALL MEMBERS SSU POLITBURO AND CABINET. NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS WERE FORMER RCC MEMBERS ABUL GASSIM MOHAMMED IBRAHIM (MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE) AND MAJOR ZEIN AL-ABDIN MUHAMMED AHMED ABDEL GADIR (MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS). WE UNDERSTAND THIS OMISSION MAY SIMPLY REFLECT FACT TWAIN ALREADY HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR DECORATIONS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 KHARTO 01279 271222Z

5. NIMEIRI SEEMED TIRED AND, FOR HIM, LISTLESS THROUGHOUT. HE APPARENTLY SKIPPED SEVERAL PORTIONS HIS MAY 24 SPEECH AND STAYED ONLY MINIMAL LENGTH TIME AT PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MAY 26. AS IF IN RECOGNITION THAT EVEN HIS STAMINA HAS ITS LIMITS, NIMEIRI PLEDGED DURING HIS SHORT ASSEMBLY SPEECH THAT "I WILL FALL DEAD BEFORE I CEASE TOILING" FOR SUDAN.
BREWER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SPEECHES, MILITARY GOVERNMENT, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: johnsorg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975KHARTO01279
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750184-0868
From: KHARTOUM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750517/aaaaaphv.tel
Line Count: 115
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: johnsorg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <11 DEC 2003 by johnsorg>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REGIME PASSES ITS SIXTH MILESTONE BEGIN SUMMARY: VIRTUALLY DEVOID OF NEW DEPARTURES OR
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, SU, (NUMAYRI, JAFAR MUHAMMAD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006